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Mr. Mahlon E. Gates
Manager, U.S. Energy Research
and Development Administration
P.O. Box 14100
Las Vegas, Nevada 89114

Dear Mr. Gates:

Please excuse our delay in responding to your letter of May 14, 1975 asking the Agency to participate in ERDA's Personnel Assurance Program.

Under more normal circumstances our response would have been quick and affirmative. In light of today's scrutiny of Agency activities on the domestic scene, however, a very hard look has been taken at the possible implications of the requested exchange between our two agencies. It has been ruled that such an exchange would be interpreted as somewhat dubious in nature and that the consultative assistance involves a type of relationship which is best avoided at this time.

In view of the above, it will not be possible to participate in the Joint Medical/Psychological Program nor make the services of [REDACTED] available to your committee.

Sincerely,

Signed: John F. Blake

John F. Blake
Deputy Director
for
Administration

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Mr. Mahlon E. Gates
Manager, U. S. Energy
Research and Development
Administration
Nevada Operations Office
P. O. Box 14100
Las Vegas, Nevada 89114

Dear Mr. Gates:

I am pleased to respond affirmatively to your letter of May 14th requesting consultative assistance on the matter of selecting persons to work with nuclear explosives.

The considerable experience of our people over the years in the selection of individuals to serve in a wide variety of sensitive positions would certainly appear to have relevance to your requirements. Your own experience, in turn, would be of interest to us. Some sharing of what we both have learned should prove mutually beneficial. In the area of general principles and procedures, much meaningful communication should be possible within the limits of restrictions which govern us both.

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[REDACTED] a psychologist on our Psychological Services Staff, Office of Medical Services, is an appropriate individual to initiate this exchange. Steps have been taken to reactivate a "Q" clearance which he has held previously, and he can be made available to visit your facility at your invitation.

In the event that you wish to exchange information on the more clearly medical or psychiatric aspects of the problem, other members of our Office of Medical Services may be made available to participate in your discussions if this seems appropriate. [REDACTED] can relay to us your needs in this area, should they arise.


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Mr. Mahlon E. Gates, Manager, U. S. Energy Research and Development
Administration, Nevada Operations Office, P. O. Box 14100, Las
Vegas, Nevada 89114

I wish you well in this endeavor and hope that the
cooperation between our two organizations on this matter
will prove fruitful.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Director
for
Administration

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ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

NEVADA OPERATIONS OFFICE
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MAY 14 1975

Mr. John Blake
Deputy Director for
Administration
Central Intelligence Agency
Langley, Virginia 20505

Dear Mr. Blake:

JOINT MEDICAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL PROGRAM

As you may be aware, ERDA has had a program for many years called the Personnel Assurance Program to assure that those persons actually working with nuclear explosives are carefully chosen. During the past year this Operations Office, at the direction of ERDA Headquarters, has chartered a committee of eminent physicians to examine the adequacy of that program and to make recommendations, as appropriate. The committee has the following membership:

Dr. James H. Sterner, Consultant (Chairman)
Dr. Douglas D. Bond, Consultant
Dr. Sheldon L. Freud, Consultant
Dr. Clayton S. White, Consultant
Dr. William R. Albers, ERDA/HQ
Lt. Col. Ray Loiselle, ERDA/HQ Representative
Mr. Rudolph Jezik, ERDA/NV, Executive Secretary

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Informal conversations have recently taken place between [REDACTED] (OMS/PSS) of your staff. I have been made aware of those conversations and understand that an exchange of data concerning medical and psychological techniques may prove beneficial to both agencies.

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In order to assure that the ERDA committee indeed has access to information that might prove beneficial to our program, I would appreciate your sanction of our proposed information exchange and your authorization to [REDACTED] to cooperate, within your prescribed limitations, with Dr. Freud.



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Mr. John Blake

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For your information, the responsibility for coordinating the actions of the consultants has been assigned within my own organization to Mr. Troy Wade, Director, Test Systems Division. Please contact him (telephone 702-734-3318) for any information you or your agency might require.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

for C. E. Gates
Mahlon E. Gates
Manager

cc: Maj. Gen. E. Graves, Dir.,
DMA, HQ, Attn: Lt. Col. R. Loiselle
Dr. J. H. Sterner, Houston, TX
Dr. D. D. Bond, Cleveland, OH
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